

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 7, 11-13, 15-16, 19, 21, 24, 30, 33, 36, 42, 46-48, 50, 54, 57, 60-61, 66, 69, 72-73, 78, 81, 85, 87, 91, 93, 97, 99, 103, 105, 112, 121, and 128 have been amended. Claims 5-6, 8, 18, 29, 41, 53, 65, 77, 84, 86, 90, 92, 96, 98, 102, 104, 106, 113, 122, and 129 have been canceled. New claims 137-154 have been added. Claims 1-4, 7, 9-17, 19-28, 30-40, 42-52, 54-64, 66-76, 78-83, 85, 87-89, 91, 93-95, 97, 99-101, 103, 105, 107-112, 114-121, 123-128, and 130-154 are currently pending in the application.

In the Office Action, claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the limitation "said destination" lacked antecedent basis. Claim 16 has been amended to correct this error. Hence, Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Independent claims 1, 11, 21, 33, 46, 57, 69, 81, 87, 93, and 99 have been amended to claim the invention more distinctly. In an examiner interview conducted on February 15, 2005, between Examiner Christine Ng and the undersigned, it was agreed that these claims, as amended, distinguished over the art of record. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that these claims be allowed. Applicants further request that all of the dependent claims that depend from these independent claims also be allowed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 106, 113, 122, and 129 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 106, 113, 122, and 129 have been canceled, and their limitations have been incorporated into their corresponding independent claims. Specifically, the limitations of claim 106 have been added to independent claim 105, the limitations of claim 113 have been added to independent claim 112, the limitations of claim 122 have been added to independent claim 121, and the limitations of claim 129 have been added to independent claim 128. Thus, Applicants submit that independent claims 105, 112, 121, and 128, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. Applicants further submit that all of the dependent claims that depend from these independent claims are likewise in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 23, 25, 26, 35, 37, 38, 59, 61, 62, 71, 73, 74, 115, 117, 118, 131, 133, and 134 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New claims 137-154 represent the rewritten versions of these allowed claims. Specifically, new claims 137, 138, 139 are rewritten versions of claims 26, 23, and 25, respectively. New claims 140, 141, 142 are rewritten versions of claims 38, 35, and 37, respectively. New claims 143, 144, 145 are rewritten versions of claims 62, 59, and 61, respectively. New claims 146, 147, 148 are rewritten versions of claims 74, 71, and 73, respectively. New claims 149, 150, 151 are rewritten versions of claims 118, 115, and 117, respectively, and new claims 152, 153, 154 are rewritten versions of claims 134, 131, and 133, respectively. Since all of the new claims correspond to

allowable claims, Applicants submit that all of the new claims are in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are patentable over the art of record, including the art cited but not applied. Accordingly, allowance of all pending claims is hereby respectfully solicited.

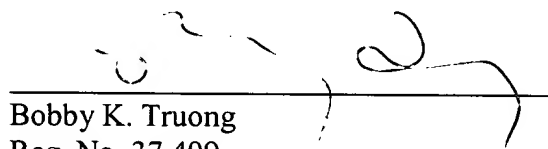
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 414-1080 ext. 234 to discuss any issue that may advance prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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